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Dear Bill:

Sorry I can't suggest any really new or brilliant approach that might be effective in insuring General Clay's acceptance of the Printers Association Dinner on May 21st. However, I should think that a direct invitation from you, explaining the importance of this group, might very likely do the trick.

There was a time when I would have been perfectly willing to use whatever influence I might have with him in a matter of this sort. But at the moment, in view of the very heavy load he is carrying these days, I simply haven't the heart to ask him to accept anything as a favor to me that he might otherwise not attempt. Please don't let this deter you from inviting him, however, as he might possibly welcome this opportunity to discuss civilian defense problems with an influential audience in the critical New York area.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith